



Stormwater Runoff Facility in Yakima County

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**PROJECTS —  
STORMWATER  
CONSTRUCTION**  
2020  
Guidance



# Construction Stormwater General Permit

Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) implements the Federal Clean Water Act. Because of this federal law, Ecology's **Construction Stormwater General Permit** is required for certain construction activities. Project proponents must obtain permit coverage directly from Ecology when a project meets the following regulatory thresholds:

- 1) Disturbs one or more acres of land area.  
OR
- 2) Is "part of a larger planned development or sale" that will ultimately disturb one or more acres of land.  
AND
- 3) Discharge stormwater from the site into state surface water(s) or into storm drainage systems, which discharge to state surface waters.

If the project **DOES NOT** meet the above thresholds for a Construction Stormwater General Permit, a **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)** will not be required; however discharges of sediment or pollutants from the construction site to surface waters or local stormwater systems are the responsibility of the project implementer and may violate state law and local ordinance.

A guide for stormwater construction sites by Ecology can be found at the link below:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/9937.pdf>

## Erosivity Waiver

Some sites less than five acres may be eligible to obtain an **Erosivity Waiver** rather than obtaining permit coverage under Ecology's construction stormwater general permit if the project meets certain conditions. This erosivity waiver can be found online at the following link:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ecy070202.html>

## New Project Developments

New development is the conversion of previously undeveloped or permeable surfaces to impermeable surfaces and managed landscape areas. New development occurs on vacant land or through expansion of partially developed sites. All new development projects, regardless of whether the projects meets the regulatory threshold shall comply with the following **Core Elements**:

- Core Element #1 - Stormwater Site Plan
- Core Element #2 - Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention
- Core Element #3 - Source Control of Pollutants
- Core Element #4 - Preservation of Natural Drainage Systems
- Core Element #5 - Runoff Treatment
- Core Element #6 - Flow Control
- Core Element #7 - Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
- Core Element #8 - Conveyance Systems

If your facility **DOES NOT** discharge to groundwater via an Underground Injection Control (UIC) facility, or if the new development fails to meet the regulatory thresholds, then Core Elements #5 and #7 are not required.

## Redevelopment Projects

Redevelopment is the replacement or improvement of pollution generating impervious surfaces (PGIS) on a developed site.

Redevelopment occurs when the existing facilities are demolished and rebuilt or substantially changed through reconstruction.

The rebuilt or reconstructed facilities are regarded in the same manner as New Development.

## Yakima County Regional Stormwater Manual

The Yakima County Regional Stormwater Manual was developed to provide guidelines, procedures, designs and maintenance of stormwater facilities. It is recommended that an entity fully review the complete manual prior to requesting for a permit. The complete manual can be found at the following link:

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management>

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